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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: VISIT TO TVA BY PARAGUAYAN ENGINEER

REF: (A) STATE 048972; (B) ASUNCION 807; (C) ASUNCION 684

1. EMBASSY OFFICER AGAIN TALKED TO CODAS WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL A ABOUT HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO TVA. CODAS SUGGESTS AN ARRIVAL DATE OF APRIL 5 OR 6 AS A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME FRAME WITH A SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. CODAS HAS NO REAL INTEREST IN MINERAL RESOURCES UNLESS TVA THINKS THIS IS ESPECIALLY

IMPORTANT. THE LAND IN PARAGUAY SLATED FOR ACQUISITION BY ITAIPU DOES NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT MINERAL DEPOSITS. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS TO EXAMINE ALL THE STEPS INVOLVED IN LAND APPRAISAL THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS STAGE, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. HE AGREES THAT SEVERAL DAYS WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DIVISION IN CHATTANOOGA WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. CODAS IS ALSO INTERESTED IN A SEPARATE TOPIC - FERTILIZER RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION. IN 1969, HE VISITED THE TVA CENTER FOR FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT IN MUSSEL SHOALS, ALABAMA, AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS THERE AGAIN IF POSSIBLE. THIS HAS NO RELATION TO ITAIPU BUT DOES HAVE IMPORTANCE TO HIM SINCE HE TEACHES SOILS AND FERTILIZERS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN ASUNCION.

2. CODAS SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

A. LAND APPRAISAL TO INCLUDE INVENTORY ANALYSIS, PRICING,
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NEGOTIATIONS, ETC. -- ONE WEEK

B. ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS -- APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS

C. FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH -- TWO DAYS

3. FOR TVA'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION, THE LAND IN PARAGUAY WHICH WILL BE ACQUIRED FOR THE ITAIPU PROJECT IS ABOUT 150,000 HECTARES. THIS INCLUDES 64,000 HECTARES WHICH WILL BE

FLOODED BY THE RESERVOIR AND 86,000 HECTARES OF ADJACENT SECURITY LAND CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS IN THE FUTURE. OF THE 64,000 HECTARES, ABOUT 80 PERCENT ARE NOW COVERED BY FOREST WHICH ITAIPU OFFICIALS BELIEVE MAY HAVE TO BE CUT TO AVOID LATER OXYGEN CONSUMPTION PROBLEMS FOR FISH AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE DATE CODAS SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE, WHAT TVA OFFICIAL HE SHOULD CONTACT INITIALLY AND THE OFFICE ADDRESS.
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